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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MAI VAN BO

REF: USDEL FRANCE 17765

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED POINTS TO BE RAISED IN MEETING WITH MAI VAN BO:

A. NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSMITAL OF LETTERS FROM FAMILIES TO PWS IN NVN, SIMILAR TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR PACKAGES.

B. CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PACKAGES. SHOULD SEEK ASSURANCES THAT ALL PACKAGES AND LETTERS IN FACT REACH MEN TO WHOM THEY ARE ADDRESSED.

C. IMPROVE MEANS OF TRANSMITAL OF MAIL FROM PRISONERS TO FAMILIES IN US. FOR EXAMPLE, COULD NOTE THAT EIGHT MEN ON CORA WEISS-FULBRIGHT-KENNEDY LIST OF 339 STILL HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM BY THEIR FAMILIES. COULD LETTERS FROM PRISONERS BE TRANSMITTED VIA MOSCOW OR OTHER GOVERNMENT?

D. WHAT HAPPENS TO MAIL AND PACKAGES FOR MEN REPORTED DEAD OR NOT IN NORTH VIETNAM. COULD THESE BE RETURNED TO FAMILIES, OR AT LEAST COULD POSTAL NOTIFICATION BE MADE OF NON-DELIVERY?

E. COMMENT ON 339 LIST.

F. PROBLEM OF MAIL AND PACKAGES FOR PRISONERS OF VIET CONG IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LPF IN LAOS. (APPROACH SHOULD BE IN TERMS OF ASKING DRV GOOD OFFICES TO ARRANGE THIS).

2. HOLLAND AND SUSSMAN OF PMG STAFF ARRIVING TWA 810 AT 8:40 A.M. DEC 23. THEY PREPARED TO MEET WITH BO AT SPECIFIED TIME IF LATER APPOINTMENT CANNOT BE ARRANGED FOR PMG, PER CONVERSATION WITH HABIB. ROGERS
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